

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY**

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by **Representative William Van Regenmorter**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Van Regenmorter, Schuitmaker, Newell, Nofs, Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Jones, David Law, Rocca, Lipsey, Condino, Adamini, Bieda and Virgil Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative McConico.

Representative Bieda moved to adopt the minutes of the **October 19, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Law**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Van Regenmorter opened the floor for discussion on the:

*Michigan Supreme Court State Administrative Office
2005 Judicial Resources Recommendations Report*

Mark Gates, Deputy Supreme Court Counsel and Counsel to the State Court Administrative Office, testified and responded to concerns regarding the report. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Laura Hutzell, Research and Policy Analyst, representing the State Court Administrative Office, testified on the report.

Judge Michael McAra, representing the 68th District Court, testified in opposition to the report as to the 68th District.

Former Senator Joe Conroy, representing the City of Flint, testified in response to the report.

Representative Clack, representing the City of Flint, testified in response to the report.

Patrick McCollough, representing the Michigan Probate Judges Association, testified in response to the report and did not indicate a position.

Representative Bieda moved to excuse **Representative McConico** from committee. The motion was supported by **Representative Law**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Representative William Van Regenmorter, Chair
House Standing Committee on Judiciary

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1 Hour 12 minutes